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USSR-France Trade Pact Requirements

1. Background

According to the New York Times of February 12, 1957, USSR and France have signed a trade agreement, amounting to \$27 1/2 million for the next three years. Under this agreement, France is to ship, among other items, machine tools and chemical equipment.

2. Requirements

It is urgently desired to obtain answers to the following questions:

a. Machine Tools and other Metalworking Equipment

(1) Details regarding planned exports of machine tools to the USSR including descriptions of types, prices, delivery dates, and volume of this trade in both units and value.

b. Chemical Equipment

(1) Value of chemical equipment to be exported to the USSR:

(2) Reason for USSR importing chemical equipment. Why from France ? Why not from Bloc and other countries ?

(3) Breakdown and value of types of equipment, e.g., pumps and compressors, \$10,000,000 to be used for synthetic ammonia production; \$20,000,000 for a synthetic butyl rubber plant.

(4) Capacity and ultimate destination of equipment, e.g., synthetic butyl rubber plant of 50-ton daily capacity to be constructed at Baku.

(5) Any other information on chemical equipment that may be obtained.

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(6) Who will furnish the designs and engineering drawings for the production of the chemical equipment ?

(7) Will designs, engineering drawings and technical knowhow be exported with the equipment ? If so, what type and nature ?

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